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Adrienne Dorrah Water Quality Program Washington Department of Ecology P.O. Box 47600 Olympia, WA 98504-7600

Dear Ms. Dorrah:

Weyerhaeuser Company offers the following observations relating to the "Fish Consumption Rates Technical Support Document: A Review of Data and Information about Fish Consumption in Washington - Version 2.0" (hereafter "the TSD").

- 1. We appreciate the Department of Ecology's response to the many comments received on version 1.0. The Response to Comments (September 2012) was informative and the Technical Issue Papers issued concurrently with the TSD (which responded to the more significant comment topics from version 1.0) were revealing. Together, the agency's willingness to engage in this iterative process has lead to a more refined, relevant, and targeted TSD. It has certainly provided a good knowledge resource for stakeholders interested in water quality and sediment management regulatory processes.
- 2. This said, Weyerhaeuser has reviewed comments on the TSD submitted by the National Council for Air and Stream Improvement and is aware that The Boeing Company will be submitting comments. We endorse these comment sets. These comment packages have been developed by very knowledgeable scientists and regulatory experts.
- 3. While Ecology has indicated written responses will not be provided to TSD version 2.0 comments, they certainly cannot be overlooked in subsequent regulation development activities. Revisions to WAC 173-201A human health-based water quality criteria have enormous implications for all NPDES permittees (public and private) and, without overstating the matter, to the future economic development and health of Washington state. Ecology needs to have a clear commitment to incorporate the best current and credible science in regulatory development activities which rely on Fish Consumption Rate information.

Weyerhaeuser looks forward to continuing opportunities to be a constructive participant in this current set of regulation development activities. We will advocate for reliance on best scientific

information, that any outcome will achieve confident and durable compliance with Clean Water Act provisions, and will accomplish meaningful environmental and human health improvements based on application of AKART technologies.

Sincerely,

Ken Johnson